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VHF AND UP

September was rather a quiet month above 30 mc. K5HVC reports working VP5ES on 50 mc. 11 Sept. 59 at 2108 CST via Sporadic E. On 13 Sept., Bert worked CM2BB, which is about all the DX so far.

K5HVC received a QSL from KL7AUV for his multi-hop Es contact reported last month. The card is good toward 50 states on 50 mc.

While September may have been slow going, look for the usual indications of openings to Europe around mid-October when European TV signals should start to come in. Sunspot activity is expected to remain high for another 18 months, so there is the possibility of 50 mc. again crossing the Atlantic. British audio on 41.5 and video on 45 mc. no doubt will manage the long double-hop to South Texas.

ZE2JE reports to W5VY on 10 meters that he will be on 6 again this year, hoping to work into Texas as in the past several years.

Satellite listeners have been kept hopping with the launching of Vanguard III early on 18 Sept. 59. First favorable passes were made over the U. S. on Saturday evening, 19 Sept., when its signal was spotted on 108.000 mc. by the writer. It is putting out a good signal and was copied on 4 consecutive passes, the longest lasting for 24 minutes. Its batteries are expected to last for several months.

Vanaguard III is the last of the series to be launched under the program, with an orbiting average of 3 out of 11 tries. The program called for orbiting at least one 20 in. sphere. There are two 20 inchers and one 6 incher in orbit, all with very stable paths.

On a recent pass, Leon Matheny and W5LFM received the Paddlewheel satellite on 108.06 mc. when it was more than 5000 miles distant over Texas. Leon uses a Grundig FM receiver and 5 el. FM-band Yagi with a BC-221 as local BFO. It was also heard when 1700 miles above St. Paul, Minn. That's not bad DX for low power, even though line-of-sight. Regards,

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Chapter Two on The New Tax Law

Since the last issue of The Exciter went to press, the editor has received a lot of letters from Hams and just plain interested people commending him on the stand that was taken by The San Antonio Radio Club Inc., and for the column that appeared in The Exciter last month. A lot of the people wanted to know how they could help to combat this law, or just what they could do to help the cause. The best way that you can help is to write a letter in your own words to each of the following people expressing your thoughts on the law, and that you think it falls short of the ideals the people had in mind that fathered the law. Here is a list of the people in Austin that are representing you and I, and I feel sure that they don't know of your attitude on this matter, else they would not have voted the way they did to bring that law into being.

Henry Gonzalez, Austin, Texas
Raymond R. Russell Jr., Austin, Texas
Frates S. Seeligson, Austin, Texas
Marshall O. Bell, Austin, Texas
R. L. Strickland, Austin, Texas

James A. McKay, Jr., Austin, Texas
R. L. Vallance, Austin, Texas

Be sure to write each of these people of your opinion on the tax law, and it will help more than anything else to inform them of the discontent that they have created just to pacify some of the large Radio and T. V. service and sales groups. If these sales and service organizations would have put all of that energy and time into trying to make themselves better qualified representatives of the trade instead of trying to cut the throat of their competitors, they would not have had to worry about the competition, they would relish competition. Without competition our very way of life in these United States is in jeopordy. If a person is afraid of competition, he is either ill informed or inadequately qualified.

Editor

Meetings

The meetings are held in the Gunter Hotel on the first and third Friday Nights of each month at Eight O'clock. Everyone is invited to attend. You don't have to be a member to attend. The membership of this organization is not restricted to Hams, but is open to anyone interested in Electronics.

For the program last meeting, we had Tom Ciochetti from International Rectifier Corp. to talk to us about rectifiers. The talk was well presented and very well received. It is programs like this that the club is trying to secure in order to make more information available to a greater number of people interested in furthering the art and Science of Ham Radio.

Our thanks to Modern Electronics Co. for two nice door prizes; to Bill Case Reords and Sound for the donation of his door prize; and to George Loos for his two door prizes. These door prizes are really appreciated by one and all and serve to advertise as well as create a little interest at the meetings. Give these contributors and advertisers in The Exciter all of the business that you can for if it were not for them, we would not be able to send you near as nice a publication as we have been trying to put out.

Election Of Officers

There was an election of officers at the last meeting, and the following people will steer the San Antonio Radio Club for the coming year.

President: Willard Carmack W5FND
Vice Pres: Cole Crump W5DKF
Secretary: Ray Garren W5HHE
Treasurer: Buck Buchanan W5FGA
Sgt. At Arms: Robbie Rice K5SJB

Let's all turn out at the meetings and give these fellows the cooperation and help that they need to make Ham Radio an outstanding function in the machinery of this community.

These fellows have a lot of work ahead of them for the coming year, and without your help and cooperation, their job will be increasingly more difficult.

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Editor

MOBILE

The mobile activity has been about the same with a few new ones heard on 75.

W5HQK Gene and W5SRN have joined the gang. W5QZJ Tommy is on temporary duty in San Antonio and is working 40 mobile. His home QTH is Austin.

The transmitter hunt for September was a good one. W5LFG George hid the transmiitter out by Bulverde and W5DKF Cole came in first, W5EJT Gene was second, and W5OZQ Theo was third. There were also a couple of mobiles that didn't even find the transmitter, so I guess George did a real good job of hiding the transmitter that time.

The transmitter hunt will not be held in October due to the mobiles helping the Sport Car Club with a road rally. If you want to help call Gene DI 2-2225, and he will give all the info.

73's Gene

Gutter Dope

An attempt will again soon be made to meet with the City Planning Board to clear up the problem of obtaining a permit to erect an Antenna Tower. For more on this subject, stay tuned to this station..

Boy! that was some party the Loos's threw the other night. They say that when bigger and better parties are thrown, George and Dee will toss them.

We hear the Turnages have adopted another youngster, but we have failed to obtain his name by press time.

Francis and Johnny Breummer have bought them a new home and are just about ready to move in.

Willard W5FND has finally finished the six meter rig that he has been working on for Mary K5PDI,

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but he is sooo busy trying it out (to get the bugs worked out of it he says) that she doesn't get much time to operate it herself. That girl is really going all out for Hamming now. More power to you Mary, give it the old college try. It has taken a lot of hard work and a lot of patience, but you made it. Now the next step will be the General Class License, good luck.

Pierre

Fall is here with high ham activity coming. Now is the time to get your new ham gear and get the old one repaired.

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